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**THE
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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT BROOKE HOSPITAL CENTER

BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL CHAPEL:

Sunday

Catholic Mass _____ 6:15 A. M. & 8:30 A. M.

Protestant Worship _____ 10:00 A. M.

Protestant Vespers _____ 7:30 P. M.

RED CROSS AUDITORIUM, NEW HOSPITAL:

Sunday School for Children _____ 10:00 A. M.

BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL CHAPEL:

Weekdays

Catholic Mass, daily except Wed. _____ 5:30 P. M.

Catholic Mass, Wednesday _____ 8:30 A. M.

Protestant Vesper Service Wed. _____ 7:00 P. M.

RED CROSS AUDITORIUM, OLD HOSPITAL:

Sunday

Catholic Mass _____ 10:00 A. M.

Protestant Worship _____ 9:00 A. M.

Protestant Vespers _____ 5:30 P. M.

Weekdays

Protestant Vesper Service, Wed. _____ 5:30 P. M.

BROOKE CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL:

Sunday

CATHOLIC MASS

Chapel No. 2 (900 area) _____ 9:00 A. M.

Chapel No. 3 (1200 area) _____ 8:00 A. M.

Scott Road Chapel _____ 10:00 A. M.

Tuesday and Friday

Chapel No. 3 _____ 5:30 P. M.

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday

Chapel No. 2 (900 Area) _____ 10:00 A. M.

Chapel No. 3 (1200 Area) _____ 9:00 A. M.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Sunday

Chapel No. 2, Holy Communion _____ 10:45 A. M.

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday

Chapel No. 2, Sabbath Worship _____ 8:00 P. M.

SUCCESS OR FAILURE

In the course of a lifetime we hear much about success and failure. Men toil and sweat and sometimes even sell their souls for this thing called success. Of interest to everyone of us is this question: When is a man a success in life and when is he a failure? By this we don't mean a success for one year or for twenty-five years. Nor do we mean a success in medicine or law or politics, but a success with regard to his whole life? To answer this question, let's ask another. When is any instrument a success and when is it a failure? We have only one means of judging a fountain pen, a typewriter, an automobile or any other instrument. The means is this: Does the instrument we judge do well the thing that it was made to do or does it not? If it does, it's a success—if it doesn't, it's a failure.

Now we can use that same means in judging whether a man is a success or a failure. An instrument is something made by another for a specific purpose, and man conforms to that definition precisely. Man did not make himself nor did he establish for himself the purpose of his existence. God did both of these things. And so man must discover two things: the purpose of his existence, and the means to accomplish that purpose. If man does not do the thing he was made to do, like any other instrument, he is a failure regardless of what else he accomplishes in life. He may be a great businessman or a renowned doctor, but essentially he was never made for any of these things. Essentially man was made to know, love, and serve God and, by so doing, to save his immortal soul. If he does that he is a complete success. If

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Introducing

Lieutenant General
Walton H. Walker

COMMANDING GENERAL
EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND

General Walker, former commander of the XX Corps of the Third Army in its drive across France and Germany into Austria, assumed command of the Eighth Service Command on June 23rd. In his honor, upon his arrival in Dallas, Mayor Woodall Rodgers proclaimed General Walker Day.

SURPLUS ARMY EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS THROUGH SMALLER WAR PLANTS CORPORATION

More than 150 veterans of World War II try to buy surplus Army equipment every month from the Eighth Service Command to help set themselves up in small businesses.

But, although practically everything surplus except real estate and aircraft equipment is being sold to veterans on priority, they must do business with the Smaller War Plants Corporation instead of with the Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward F. Wilson, director of the service command property disposal division, calls attention to the fact that the Army does not sell its surplus goods direct, but transfers it to other government agencies for disposition.

"New regulations have been published which extend to a veteran preference through the Smaller War Plants Corporation, to buy \$2500 worth of surplus government property," Col. Wilson said.

"The veteran decides what he wants to buy and applies to the Smaller War Plants office in the locality where he intends to set up his business. This agency makes the purchase for him from the proper disposal agency, charging no more than cost plus delivery.

"Smaller War Plants, in effect, loans the veteran its priority and makes the transaction for him.

"Property bought under the preference regulations must be used to establish or maintain a small business or professional enterprise, and is not to be used for re-sale purposes," Col. Wilson said. Veterans who wish to purchase surplus and second-hand government property for re-sale may do so, but must bid for it without preference and in competition with other dealers.

Veterans whose small businesses are agricultural in nature need certification from the War Foods Administration before dealing with the Smaller War Plants Corporation.

EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND MILITARY POLICE WIN PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION

Military police of the Eighth Service Command shared honors with those of other service commands in a recent recognition of "outstanding performance of duties aboard the nation's railroads." A plaque of appreciation was presented the MPs by David A. Crawford, president of the Pullman Company, in a colorful ceremony at the Union Station Plaza, Washington, D. C.

Present for the ceremony were Major General Archer L. Lerch, Provost Marshal General, and the enlisted men from each

service command who had traveled the greatest number of miles within their sections "in performance of their duties in safeguarding the welfare of millions of troops in wartime travel."

Representing the Eighth Service Command was Acting Corporal Michael J. Howey, 1831st SCU, San Antonio, Texas. He has travelled 300,000 miles throughout the Southwest.

General Lerch reminded the men that their job "will become increasingly important in the coming months when thousands of troops return from the battlefields and travel throughout the country."

EXPERT AND COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGES

If you believe that you are entitled to an infantryman badge but haven't received an order announcing the award, you may make application by letter to The Adjutant General, through your present organization commander.

To make application for the infantryman badge, either combat or expert, you should state in detail the company, regiment, and division in which you were serving when you believe you earned the badge. In case you are applying for the combat badge, state that you satisfactorily performed duty in ground combat against the enemy and the dates of such duty. In all cases, state the specific reasons why you believe you earned the badge and such other information as you may believe will be helpful in determining your right to such an award. Don't forget to include your present organization and address.

Upon receipt of the application by The Adjutant General, if the information supplied contains all the elements necessary to establish your right to the award, an order will be issued, and a copy of the order and the badge will be forwarded for presentation.

Additional information is contained in Circular No. 134, WD, 1945. If you think you have earned one of these badges, ask your Personal Affairs Officer to help you complete your letter of application.

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he fails in that, nothing else matters; he is a failure forever.

The question proposed above is a great leveler and is no respecter of persons. When a man comes to the end of his days on earth he must stand before God and answer just one question: "Did you do the thing I made you to do or not?" On the answer to that question hangs the fate of the man for eternity.

Think it over. No man likes to be known as a failure. Don't YOU be an exception!!

—Chaplain Thomas A. Hinzay

Inspection Tour Made At Brooke Hospital Center



The group shown above which included staff members of the Brooke Hospital Center made a recent inspection tour of the old and new hospital sections and the Convalescent area which is now under construction. With Major General Howard Snyder, chief of the Medical Branch, Inspector General's Office, Washington, and Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, commanding general, Brooke Hospital Center are left to right, Doctors Harry Solomon, Frank Freemontsmith and C. C. Burlingame, all eminent psychiatrists. Other visitors were Colonel L. A. Sailsbury, Colonel Augustus Thorndyke, Colonel James Mason and Lieutenant Colonel John B. McCarthy from the Inspector General's and Surgeon General's offices. Brooke staff members shown are Colonel John C. Woodland, Colonel Alexander A. Johnstone, Colonel William C. McCally, Colonel Warren C. Fargo, Colonel John C. Burch, Colonel Henry M. Winans, Major Anthony J. Zolenas, Major Clyde Kernak, Major Robert D. McKee, Major Martin L. Towler, Major Louis B. Shapiro and Major Cyrus S. Myers.

The Women's Army Corps

III—SELECTION OF WACS

Applicants for the Women's Army Corps must, of necessity, meet physical standards as high for their own sex as those set up for men in the Army. In addition, because the women are assigned to jobs which require specific skills, they must also, meet certain standards of intelligence, stability and personal integrity.

Procedures followed in the selection of WAC members are designed to bring into the Army only those who can adapt themselves to new surroundings, whose capacity for learning is above the average, whose character is marked by personal integrity and who, as a consequence, can be a definite asset to the service.

Each applicant is given a written test, carefully worked out as a gauge of her capacity to learn, her general level of intelligence and her alertness. Procedures followed are for the protection of the applicant herself and for the greater good of the Army. No woman is brought into the service except under the strong belief that she has the intelligence, stability and personal integrity to do a job in the Army, happily and well.

A selective interview is given to determine whether or not the applicant has a needed skill and to explain to her the Army assignment system so that there will be no later disappointment.

It is no more possible with women than with men in the Army to guarantee to them that they will have a particular job in some particular branch at some particular Army post for the duration of their service in the Army. The Army must have mobility of all its personnel. But it is the Army plan to use every soldier where he or she fits best.

These things are explained to the applicant—for her benefit as well as later benefit to the Army—in the selective interview.

To be eligible for an enlistment application a woman must be between the ages of 20 and 50, an American citizen, have at least two years of high school and no children under 14 years of age—unless the full care and custody of these children has been in other hands for all of 18 months prior to making application for enlistment.



IV—BASIC TRAINING

The Women's Army Corps has its basic training center at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. De Moines is an old cavalry post of great beauty and tradition, steeped in these customs of military pride and discipline which seem strange and awesome to the new recruit, but which leave an imprint that remains as a feeling almost like that usually reserved for a cherished Alma Mater.

In basic training, the women learn military customs and courtesies, something of the organization of the Army, defense against chemical and air attack, first aid, barracks sanitation, how to wear and care for the uniform—and how to get dressed in 15 minutes. They must learn to march in formation, to master simple physical-conditioning exercises designed especially for women to keep them firm and fit for Army duties and trim for the Army uniform—and to make a bed so neat and tight that a quarter will bounce on it. They have six weeks of training, so completely different from anything they have known before, that it calls for an abundance of the three qualities which are always valued highest, in or out of the Army—a sense of duty, a sense of humor and plain sense.

The transition from civilian to military life is abrupt but it is not without the traditional Army feeling and kindness. Every woman soldier learns that the best friends, the most amusing memories she will find in the Army are those she found in basic training. Here every phase of military discipline is emphasized for purposes of sound basic training. A wisp of dust under the bed will get the woman soldier a "gig," which is no great blot on her Army record, but is a blow to her pride at the time it is posted on the barracks bulletin board.

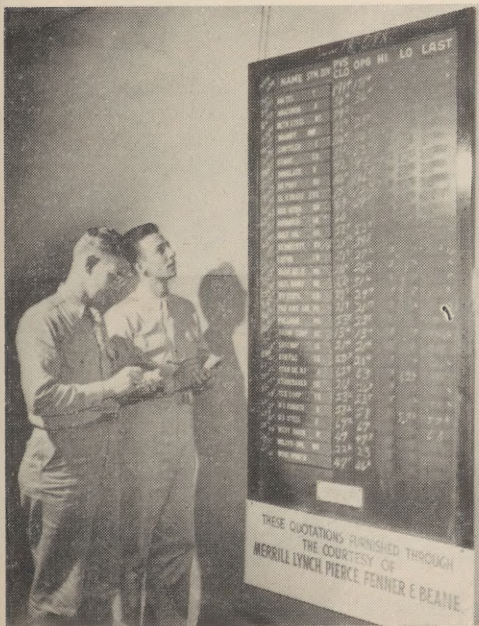
And here it is she learns how very much the Army expects of its women soldiers.

The basic military training program is, with some adaption, the same as the first six weeks of military training given to men in the Army. The courses are largely the same, the drill is the same (except for shorter steps and without arms) and the daily routine, which seems rushed at first and so reasonable toward the end of six weeks is also the same.

Information Board Installed in Day Room, Medical Detachment



On hand for the installation of the information board in the Day Room of the Detachment Medical Department, Brooke General Hospital, were: reading left to right, Master Sergeant Grady Walker, acting First Sergeant of the Detachment; Tec.4 Joe McD. Ayres, Jr., clerk in the orderly room; Major Robert H. Pickel, commanding officer of the 1811 SCU Troop Command, Brooke Hospital Center and Pvt. Robert D. Corbett of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital's Detachment.



In connection with the program of the Education and Information Office of the Brooke Hospital Center to keep Brooke personnel well informed on current events, a bulletin board has just been installed in the Day Room of the Detachment Medical Department, Brooke General Hospital (shown above). All information boards are changed daily and the program is under the supervision of Captain Edward H. Landers.

Stock and Bond Quotation Board Keeps Brooke Personnel Posted

Left, two patients from the Brooke Convalescent Hospital stop to list quotations from the Stock Market Information Board located in the basement of the main building of Brooke General Hospital. The men are Sergeant Daniel D. Osborne of Washington, D. C., and Staff Sergeant William W. Brodnax of Dallas, Texas.

The Orthopedic Section

BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL

THE ORTHOPEDIC Section at Brooke General Hospital, diagnoses, treats and has to do with the consultation and disposition of patients with deformities and injuries of the musculoskeletal system. Types of cases handled by this section include fractures, ruptured muscles, sprains, low back pains, dislocation of joints, infection of bones and bone grafts.

Caring for all orthopedic cases admitted to the Officers' Ward (7), Women's and Children's Ward (11) and Enlisted Men's Wards (5 and 50B), the Orthopedic Section maintains two units, one at the main hospital and one at Annex II.

Acute or difficult cases are cared for at the main hospital and minor and convalescent cases are cared for at Annex II. In addition to the regular Orthopedic work, two Orthopedic Clinics are held daily; the clinic for officers and dependents of military personnel is held in the Orthopedic Office on the third floor, main hospital and the second clinic which is for enlisted personnel is held at Annex II.

In connection with Orthopedic cases, there is maintained by this section a brace shop located in the rear of the main building (occupied by the Quartermaster and the garage), and a shoe correction shop lo-

cated in the basement of Annex II. A complete story on these units of the Orthopedic section will appear in the next issue of the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast.

In comparison to the present growth of the Orthopedic Section at Brooke, it is interesting to note that as recent as 1923, the Orthopedic Section located in the old Station hospital had one officer in charge, and an officer assistant. There was one enlisted man assigned to the brace shop. While the orthopedic set-up then had ample room, the equipment used was extremely limited. Most everything in the way of a brace was improvised and made entirely by hand. Now braces and appliances for orthopedic cases are turned out by aid of electrically operated machines.

At that time, enlisted personnel assigned to the orthopedic section usually had no previous training in this work. Now the Medical Department has established schools by which enlisted personnel are given a prescribed course of specialized training in orthopedics before assignment to this section. In the wards, corpsmen who have had such training assist the Army Nurse in doing orthopedic dressings. They also apply plaster casts, "prep" patients for surgery or adjust tractions for fractures.

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Above, the Orthopedic Staff of the main building, Brooke General Hospital, which consists of five officers and seventeen enlisted men. In addition to the above, there are also specially trained corpsmen on the wards to assist in the care of orthopedic patients.



Lieutenant Colonel Percy M. Girard

CHIEF OF THE

ORTHOPEDIC SECTION

BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL



Right, Major Robert L. Noell, MC, assistant to Lt. Colonel Percy M. Girard, Chief of Orthopedics.



Left, Major William T. Howard, officer in charge of the Annex II unit of the Orthopedic Section.



Right, Major Jack B. Birdwell, MC, officer in charge of Orthopedic patients in wards 7 and 11. Major Birdwell's duties include the disposition of orthopedic patients and retiring board cases.





The Orthopedic Staff maintained at Annex II consists of two officers and nine enlisted men.

THE ORTHOPEDIC SECTION

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Always an important section of any hospital, Orthopedics has made great strides in recent years, due in no small way to the war with its increasing numbers of wounded in which injuries to bones and muscles have been suffered by members of our armed forces overseas.

When an orthopedic patient turns into the hospital, the usual procedure is followed:

If the patient is ambulatory, he reports first to the Orthopedic Clinic. After examination by the Orthopedic Officer, he reports to the charge nurse in the Orthopedic Ward who records the patients' admittance. The patient is next shown to his bed by one of the corpsmen. If the patient is a bed case, he reports immediately to the ward from the receiving office or emergency first aid room and the Orthopedic Officer sees the patient at the first opportunity and recommends necessary treatment.

Should the case be an acute fracture or a dislocation, the case is seen at once by the Orthopedic Ward Officer or the officer on orthopedic call. (A fresh fracture is easier to handle than one a few hours old.)

The patients' chart which has already been issued at the receiving office before the case reaches the ward (except in the case of an emergency) has specific nota-

tions entered by the ward officer (in the daytime) or the orthopedic officer on call (at night) or by the nurse in charge.

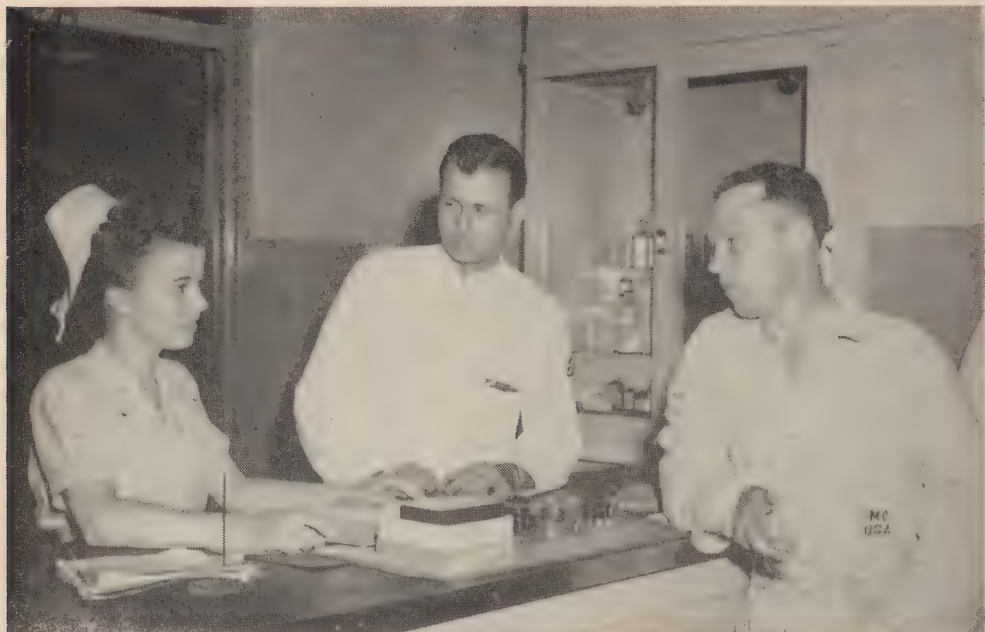
When the Orthopedic Officer has checked the patient, x-rays are ordered and when they are ready, these are checked over by the ward officer to determine the action to be taken which may be any one of the following: surgery, application of cast, skeleton traction or hot or cold applications.

At the front line when a man is wounded, he is first cared for by a medical corpsman who administers plasma to counteract shock in the case of a severe wound. When necessary first aid is given, the patient is then removed to an aid station or field hospital and a medical officer takes the case as soon as possible. He may set the bone in the case of a fracture or operate if he deems it advisable. He checks his patient regularly after either of the above procedures and when the medical officer is certain that the wound or injury is starting to heal, he will recommend evacuation of the patient to a general hospital in the United States.

Where it is advisable, patients with difficult fracture-wounds are returned to this country before surgery is done.

Orthopedic wounds that are draining profusely or moderately are dressed daily; cases that are draining slightly need only to be dressed every second or third day. If the draining is unusually slight, a con-

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Sergeant Leary G. Sooter, of Loveland, Texas checks into the Orthopedic Ward for enlisted men (Ward 5) for observation and possible surgery. He is received by Lt. Isle M. R. Schlegtendol, ANC, (graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, New York), charge nurse of the ward who is instructing Sergeant George Splittorf, medical corpsman, of San Mateo, Calif., to show the patient to his bed. Sergeant Splittorf, member of the Detachment Medical Department also assists with orthopedic dressings.



Here Second Lieutenant Clair Meadows, ANC, nurse in the Orthopedic Ward of Brooke General Hospital swabs the leg wound suffered overseas by Private Reed R. Slay, of Itasco, Texas, in preparation for a fresh Orthopedic dressing.



In the Plaster Room, Second Lieutenant W. F. Chesser, of Beaumont, Texas, stationed at Randolph Field, is having a plaster cast applied to his leg prior to an operation. Original casts were removed in order that x-rays might be made to check the condition of the wound upon admission of the patient to the hospital. Private First Class Alton Alexander, of the Medical Detachment, assists civilian technicians Ernest Daniels and Ira Carroll, of San Antonio, Texas



"PREPING" A PATIENT for an operation. Private First Class Alton Alexander, of Chicago, looks on as Ernest Daniels and Ira Carroll, civilian technicians, who reside in San Antonio, shave the leg of Private Steve Cobb, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.



After the patient's leg has been shaved and carefully washed with ether and alcohol, it is carefully wrapped with sterile towels. The towels are then wrapped with bandage to hold them securely in place.



A stockinette is then drawn over the leg and secured well above the knee. This is left on the leg until just prior to the operation. For bone operations "preps" are done two days before and again the day before the operation.

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valescent furlough is recommended. Bone grafts are never done until the wound has stopped draining from four to six months. If the case is knitting well, Physical Therapy may be prescribed. If the bone is not knitting as it should, the ward officer may order an operation for bone graft.

A typical case follows, to illustrate the important work done by the Orthopedic section at Brooke:

Sergeant Howard P. White, a paratrooper, jumped behind the enemy line in France on June 9th, 1944, near St. Mere Eglise and was engaged in ground fighting when an enemy 88 mm. shell exploded two feet in front of him by which he suffered a compound comminuted fracture of the right radius.

The usual attention was given him overseas and when it was thought advisable, Sergeant White was evacuated to the United States. He arrived at Brooke General on July 27th, 1944.

After Sergeant White was examined, x-rays were taken and the early history of his case carefully studied. It was found that

a bone graft was necessary and against the time such an operation could be done, Sergeant White went on an extended convalescent furlough.

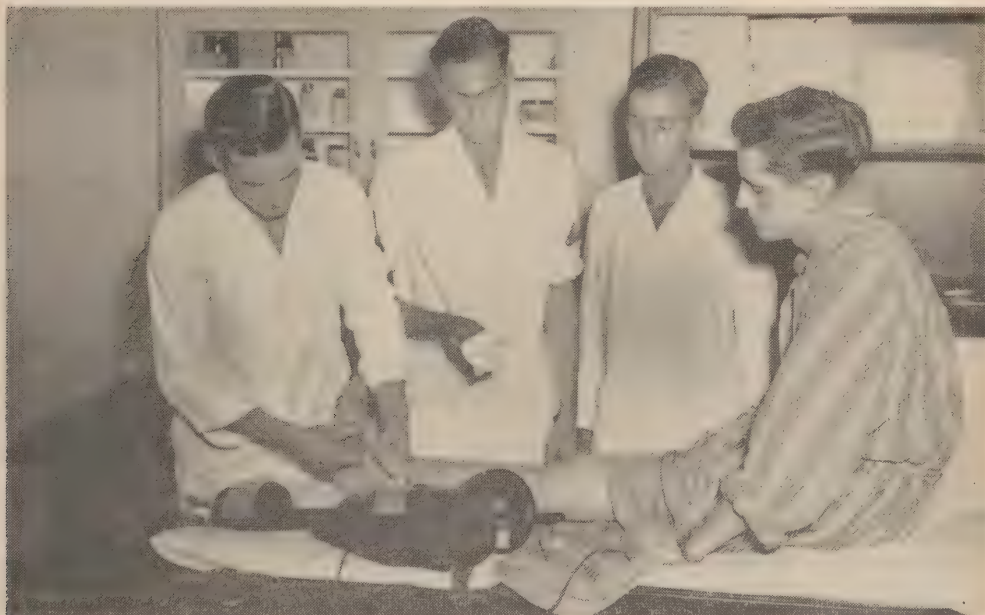
Upon Sergeant White's return skin graft was done in preparation for bone graft to the non-union forearm bone.

In the skin graft operation, a flap of skin was raised then laid back into the same position. Three weeks later it was transplanted to cover the excised adherent scar area. A free split graft was used to fill in the defect left by the transplanted flap.

When the skin graft was healed satisfactorily, the bone graft was done. Two teams were utilized in the operating room, one being used to prepare the defective bone and the other to obtain the graft. By using a double team in this manner, considerable operative time is saved.

The bone needed for the graft in the right arm was obtained from the left leg of the same patient.

The bone graft done to Sergeant White's arm should be solidly united within three months. He is now enjoying a convalescent furlough, at the completion of which he will again return to the hospital for a check up.



An orthopedic dressing is being done on the left leg of Private Bobbie Nease, of Kansas City, Missouri, in the dressing room at Annex II. The wound is swabbed first to cleanse it, then dressings are applied. Left to right, the Technicians are: Sergeant Wayne Cobb, of Waco, Texas, Corporal Jess White, of Safford, Arizona, Private First Class John Stover, of Fredonia, Kansas. The brace which Pvt. Nease wears to aid him to walk on the injured leg is shown in the foreground.

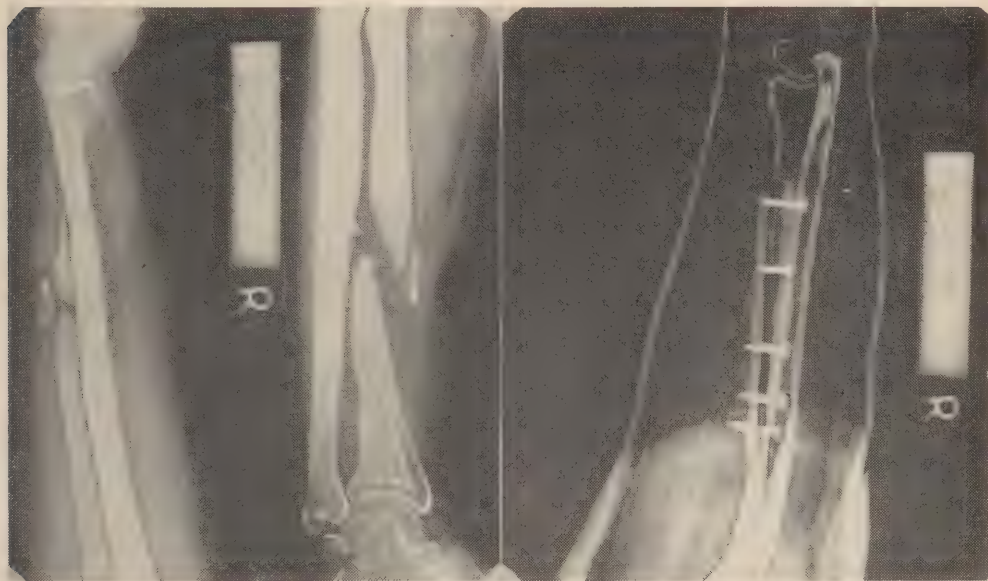
A Typical Orthopedic Case:



Sgt. Howard P. White, right, a paratrooper, jumped behind the enemy line in France on June 9, 1944, near St. Mere Eglise and was engaged in ground fighting when an enemy 88 mm. shell exploded two feet in front of him by which he suffered a compound comminuted fracture of the right radius. To straighten and strengthen the arm, bone graft was done.



Pictures demonstrate the progress made through skin graft to the arm of Sergeant Howard P. White before the bone graft operation.



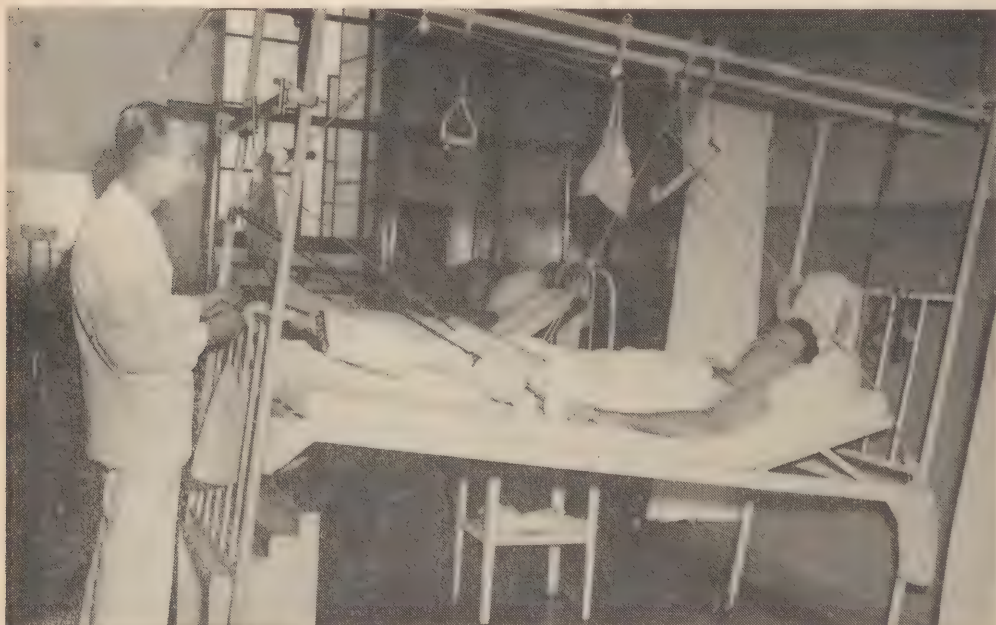
Above, before and after x-ray photographs of Sergeant White's arm. At the left, the comminuted fracture of the right radius x-rayed upon admission to Brooke General Hospital. At the right, the completed bone graft showing Vitallium screws in place.



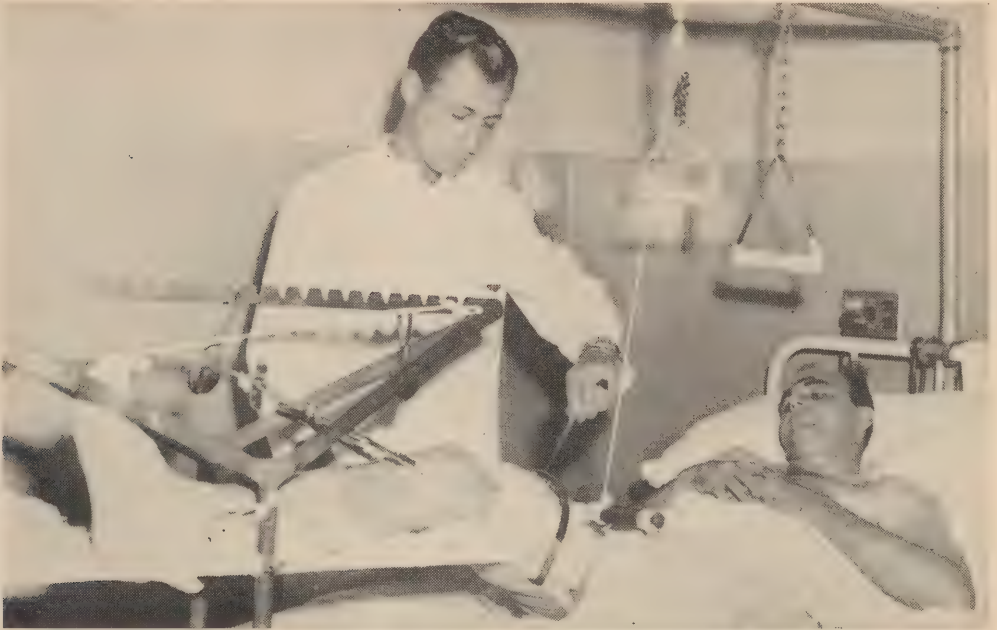
Stitches are being removed from the arm of Sergeant White, ten days after the bone graft operation. The nurse is Lt. Mollie B. Reese, of Baskin, Louisiana.



Lieutenant Kathryn Scruggs, ANC, of Kansas City, Missouri, nurse in the Orthopedic Ward at Brooke General Hospital, adjusts the head traction for Private James B. Krug of Jacksonville, Florida. Private Krug broke his back in an accident.



Clarence D. Low, Civilian VAB patient, of Gonzales, Texas is shown in a leg splint for a fractured left femur (bone of the lower leg). It is supported by a balcan frame. Sergeant William J. Wallace of West Manayunk, Pennsylvania, Medical Corpsman, DMD on the Orthopedic Ward, is adjusting the weights.



Tec 4 Johnnie F. Allen of Temple, Texas, patient in the Orthopedic Ward at Brooke General Hospital is having screws adjusted on the Braun splint, tractioned for the femur (lower leg bone), by Sergeant Splittorf, medical corpsman.



Left, Tec 5 Leo McLaughlin, of Britton, South Dakota and Private First Class Raymond Wentzell, of Louisville, Kentucky are making a bed in the Orthopedic ward at Annex II. The patient is Private Claude S. Young, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, who has a broken leg.

Brooke General Hospital Patient Receives 3 Awards Simultaneously



Rare indeed are the occasions when a member of the armed forces receives two awards at the same time, but Private First Class Leonard L. Martin can be pointed to with interest as having received not two, but three decorations simultaneously. These were the Silver Star, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Presentation was made by Colonel John C. Woodland, commanding officer of the Brooke General Hospital, a component of the huge Brooke Hospital Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

A former member of Company F, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, Pfc. Leonard L. Martin, shown above after presentation of the Silver Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge, whose hometown is Russellville, Alabama, was awarded the Silver Star when he distinguished himself by gallantry in action against an armed enemy of the United States on 7 December, 1944, in Belgium.

On this date Company "F" was held up by a German tank in a protecting position behind a house. The supporting tanks were unable to go forward until the German tank was knocked out. A Bazooka team was brought forward and Pfc. Martin volunteered to go with them and gave them covering fire. Pfc. Martin and the bazooka team advanced to within 30 yards of the tank by crawling up a shallow trench, but at that point, they were stopped by heavy small arms. Pfc. Martin was hit in the shoulder but continued to give covering

fire with his sub-machine gun until the bazooka team reached safety.

Being wounded in the shoulder, it was impossible for Pfc. Martin to crawl to safety. Two men started up the trench to help him but Pfc. Martin not wanting to endanger other lives waved them back, stood up and walked to safety, exposing himself to small arms fire for a distance of 40 yards. Later the German tank pulled out and the advance continued. Pfc. Martin's bravery and disregard for personnel safety prevented the possible injury or death to four men and the aggressiveness shown by him and the bazooka team, was a strong factor in the retreat of the German tank.

Besides the Silver Star, Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge, Pfc. Martin wears the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense ribbon and the European Theater of Operations ribbon with four battle stars.

Patients Inspect Superfortress On Visit to Randolph Field



By Sergeant Ruth Ganders, WAC

A group of sixty-five patients were taken on the tour to the "West Point of the Air", and were conducted to points of interest on the field. Definitely the "sight" of the afternoon was the B-29, which the visitors were allowed to climb through and examine as they wished.

A feature of the services of the Educational Reconditioning Office, under Lt. Paul S. Morton, are tours to points of interest around San Antonio made every Wednesday for the benefit of the patients of the New Hospital and Annexes I, II, and III.

Another popular trip was that made recently to the Lone Star Brewery. Patients were shown a technicolor film on the development of the brewing trade, and became acquainted with the different processes involved in beer making.

H. J. Grobe, sales representative for the Lone Star Brewery, acted as host to the group and dispensed a generous portion of his product for refreshments.

Jim Faulkner, Army representative, explained job opportunities for returning veterans.

New tours are being planned to meet increasing patient demand to see local businesses in action, factories and points of historical interest.



Shown in inset are Staff Sergeant Ray Parker, Private First Class Roy McGucklin, Corporal C. E. Easley and Private James Johnson who inspected the B-29 at Randolph Field when they were members of a recent tour conducted by the Educational Reconditioning Service of Brooke Hospital Center. In the photo at top can be seen the entire group who inspected the "Hobo Queen." This B-29 is now a laboratory ship used for training of flight engineers.



"NURSES NOTES" ARMY NURSE CORPS AT BROOKE



**Reported by First Lieutenant
Isabel Diehl, ANC**

Twelve nurses, formerly stationed at Brooke General Hospital, are now at Glen-nan General Hospital at Okmulgee, Okla-homa. They left here in June. We cer-tainly hated to see them go but sincerely wish "Happy Landing" to each and all. Those who left were: 1st Lieutenants Mary Edith Coffey, Beulah Mahoney, Ethelyn Preecs and Phyllis Fallan and 2nd Lieutenants Bessie Estep, Helen Ethel McKerracher, Jean Pendergast, Alma Stone, Elo-dee Tenant, Eddie Twilley and Vera Withers.

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Recently, Major and Mrs. Vermoot-en entertained a small group of nurses in their home. An evening of great interest was provided by the showing of movies taken in and around Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio. Of special interest were the films following the "rookie" nurse through basic training into full fledged membership in the Army and the films dealing with scenic and historic spots in San Antonio.

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Almost at the same time we said "fare-well" to the girls leaving for Oklahoma, we welcomed a group of twenty-five "New Nurses" who were transferred here from Camp Swift upon completion of their basic training. We hope you all will get acquaint-ed soon, not only with the hospital and your fellow workers but also with the sur-rounding localities. It's worth it. We wish you a happy and profitable tour of duty here.

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The past month we said "goodbye" to another group of nurses who are now sta-tioned at McCloskey General Hospital at Temple, Texas. They are First Lieutenant Margaret Covert and Second Lieutenants Mary J. Anderson, Helen Bourgeois, Donna Boyd, Clara Jarrell, Jacquelyn Meerman, Bulah Rigsby, Johanna Rockwell, Anne Roussell and Carol Smith. You will all be

missed about these parts. Happy landings to you all, an' don't forget us down heah!

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Picnics are in style now. The nurses and officers of ward 10 met at Salado Creek for swimming and "Kodaking" (some in-teresting and unusual pictures resulted). Then the party proceeded to the Winchester home on Chichester Street for refreshments and an evening of card playing.

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1st Lt. Anne Berescik was married with a quiet wedding ceremony to Captain Rob-ert Hall on Friday, June 15th.

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Honoring 1st Lt. Edith Coffee, Mrs. Win-chester entertained a group of friends at her home on a night in June. During the general social evening, Lt. Coffee was presented with a lovely blue dressing robe as a "parting gift." Cocktails and bountiful refreshments were served.

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Lt. Johnson of the Pediatric Staff has been called home by the sudden illness of her husband. He is a recent returnee from a German prison camp.

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Word has been received of the marriage of Lt. Patricia Taylor to Lt. Chaunz Row-an on June 13th in New York City. The couple left immediately after the ceremony for a honeymoon in the Poconos.

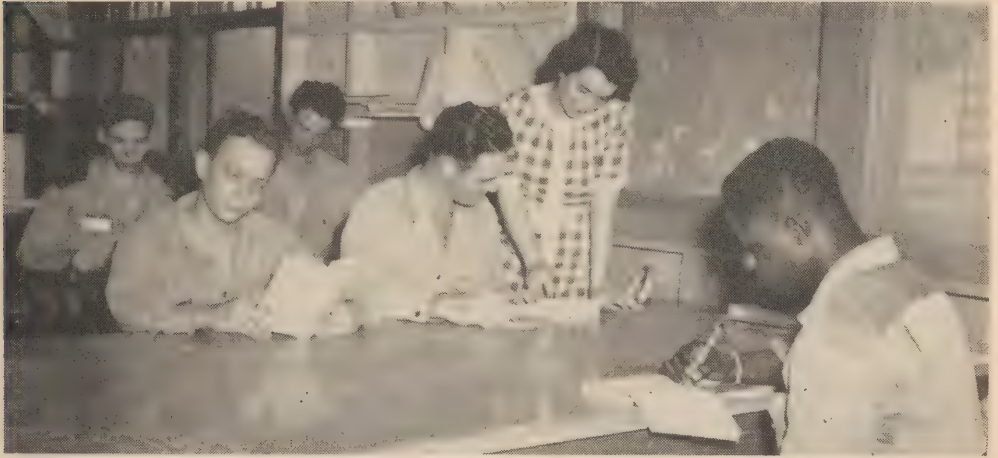
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A picnic given by the staff of the Pedi-atric section was much enjoyed at Brack-enridge Park. A supper of cold cuts, potato chips, cheese, pickles, olives and fruit was enjoyed—oh yes, and light liquid refresh-ments. After supper teams were chosen and softball played. Lt. Spike's team beat Capt. Taub's. Needless to say, everyone (even the losers) had fun. Guests included: Mrs. Snow and son, Lt. Col. McCall, Mrs. Green, Cpl. and Mrs. Wentz and Pvt. and Mrs. Earhart.

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Work and Recreation

The Order of the Day...at the Brooke Convalescent Hospital

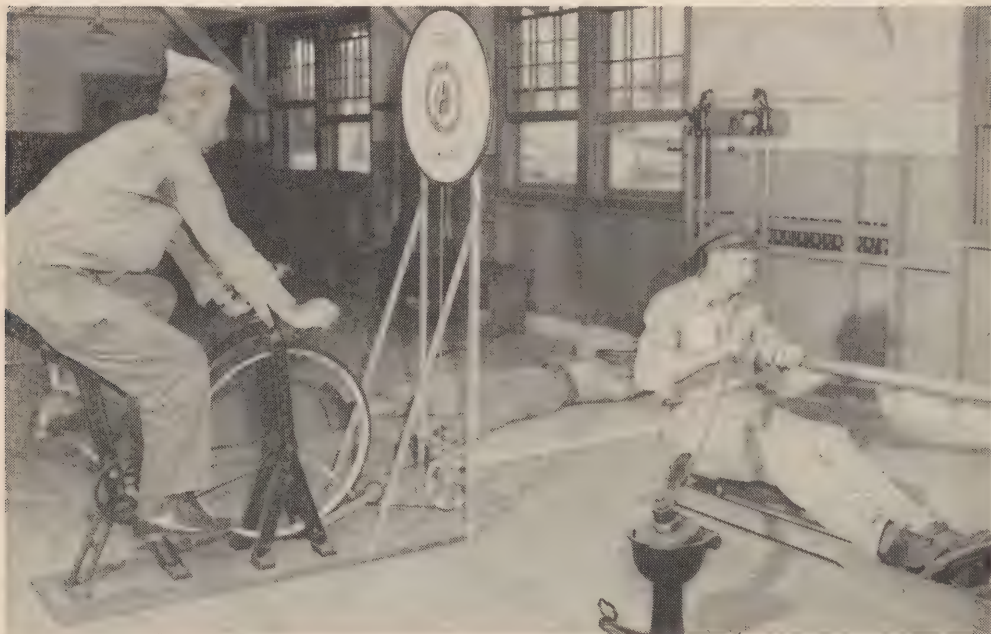


Above, an English class at the Brooke Convalescent Hospital being conducted by Mrs. Julia Negley, of San Antonio. Mrs. Negley is one of several civilian teachers employed by the Educational Reconditioning Section of the Convalescent Hospital to aid those interested in furthering their knowledge under the voluntary educational program.



Inactivity may be one of the chief causes of trench foot but inactivity is certainly not the theme of the above picture. Patients shown are trench foot cases enjoying an afternoon in the large tree-rimmed swimming pool at the Tobin Ranch. The use of the pool has been made possible for patients of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital through the courtesy of Mr. Edgar Tobin, of San Antonio. About 250 men enjoy swimming, softball, and volleyball daily at the ranch.

Corrective Gym or a Lesson In Music - Aids To Recovery



A corner of the corrective gym of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital where patients receive supervised instructions in exercises designed to fit the needs of each individual case. Left, Private First Class Moody Pady, of San Antonio, exercises on the Ever-Last Gym Cycle while Private First Class Edward A. Houchin, right, of Altus, Oklahoma, tries out the rowing machine.



Brass section of the New Music School at the Brooke Convalescent Hospital, a feature of the Educational Reconditioning Department. Left to right, Pvt. Frank Page, of Meridian, Miss., Pvt. Jessie William, of Mite, La., Tec 5 John D. Burhalter of Franklinton, La., Pvt. Dewey Gaffney, of Altus, Okla., Pfc. Thomas Lyles, of Morgan City, La., and Tec 5 Robert Merevick, of Chicago, Ill. "warming up." The instructor is Corporal Paul Wright, of North Platt, Neb.

Front 'n' Center

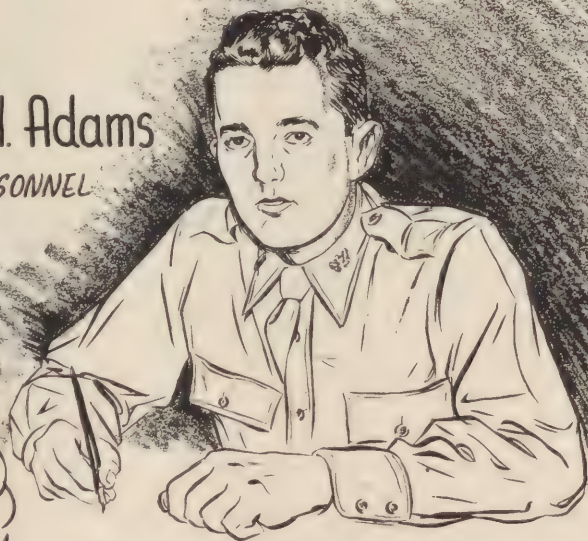
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INTRODUCING C.W.O. ADAMS, OF THE BROOKE CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL

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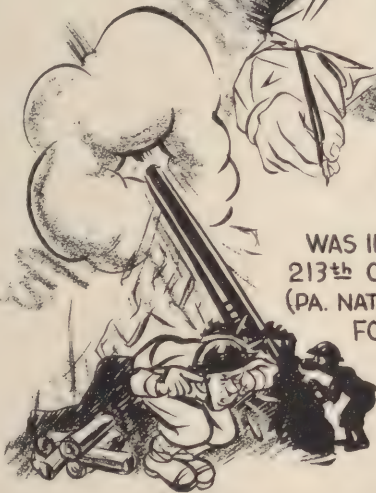
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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATED BY PATIENTS OF BROOKE CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL

Picnics, rodeos, carnivals, and barbecues were the order of the day for the patients of Brooke Convalescent Hospital, on the Fourth.

Trenchfoot cases who were spending their usual afternoon at Tobin's Ranch swimming and playing ball received an agreeable surprise when 30 girls from the office of Tobin's Surveys, and nurses from the Medical and Surgical Hospital, came out to join them for the afternoon. The girls played softball against the men, and a picnic dinner was served at 5 o'clock—the Red Cross furnishing "cokes" for refreshments. The group danced on the grass to recordings in the early evening, and returned to the hospital about 8:30 p.m.

Special Services office sent 50 men to a barbecue at Pablo Grove at noon. There were refreshing drinks for the patients, who returned in the late afternoon.

At 10:30 that morning another trip engineered by Special Services took 180 men to Poteet where they enjoyed a barbecue at noon, and then were guests at a rodeo in the afternoon.

The Highland Park Lion's Club invited patients to attend their carnival at Eagle Field as guests each night from the 2nd through the 7th. On the Fourth 75 men attended where they assisted in the judging of 50 beautiful girls to choose a beauty queen. There was a dance every night, and the patients were admitted to all shows free.

SPECIAL

The following story is a sample of the work done in one of the classes of the Business and Academic School of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital. Entitled, "Write up your Overseas Experience," taught by Lt. William Burke, it offers an opportunity to put what you saw and did down on paper.

"HUNCHES"

People look at you funny-like when you tell them you believe in hunches—but we played them for all we were worth in the Burma theater. I'd better begin, though, by telling you that our outfit of Combat Engineers, along with some cooks, truck drivers, and a few signal corps men, was part of a hodge-podge infantry unit guarding a stretch of the Ledo Road. We were a couple of miles from Myitkyina, in that half-jungle, half-mountainous section of Burma.

For three weeks, we had edged forward, snake-like, through a sort of swamp country. Right now we were holed up; the Japs in cement pill boxes had stopped us cold

—8 men counting myself were left in my platoon. Four days ago, the C. O. had radioed for P-40 and P-50s to wipe 'ell off the Devils. "Maybe they'd come today," we kept saying.

As I remember, it was about 5 o'clock one morning—maybe on a Tuesday, maybe on a Friday—anyway, I figured a cup of coffee might hit the spot. Some water I got from the nearest mud hole, and I recall watching the water worms swim around the sides of the cup. Then I added the powdered coffee. We figured we were lucky to have the coffee.

Sitting there sipping the brew, I thought how safe I was behind my cactus hedge. It was big, about as high as a Mesquite tree, and solid. Besides, the Japs for twelve days now only shelled us during chow time and when the C-47s dropped us our food and ammo.

For some reason, I never figured why, I suddenly got a hunch that maybe the "Slant-Eyes" would cross us up and give us a mortar working over. No sooner had I thought of this than over they came—mortars and artillery shells to boot.

I sat there about a minute, sort of watching them get closer. Then something seemed to tell me that my own spot was "hot" and to get the heck out of it in a hurry. I jumped up, ran to a foxhole, trying to keep the coffee from spilling. Then my shell came. You can tell it's all for you because it has a peculiar whistle that seems to hit you in the pit of the stomach. When I woke up, I shook off the dirt and looked around. I saw no cactus hedge, nothing—except a hole where I had been sitting. See what I mean about hunches?

Written by

PVT. JAMES L. BARNICKEL
Patient at Brooke
Convalescent Hospital.

RESULTS OF THE 7TH WAR LOAN DRIVE

Major Cyrus S. Myers, War Bond Officer at the Brooke Hospital Center has announced that total sales in the 7th War Loan Drive amounted to \$80,706.70. This figure does not include regular purchases made through the Army Pay Plan.

Lt. James E. Mance, Hospital Inspector for Brooke General Hospital and Lt. Fred L. Kovas, Education-Reconditioning Officer at the Brooke Convalescent Hospital are credited with turning in the highest figures of the drive.

Major Myers wishes to express his heartiest thanks to all who cooperated to make the 7th War Loan Drive at Brooke a success.

Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School



Campus Notes By Tec. 5 Carroll H. Curry's Sub.

Culinary note: Those who enjoy the flavor of Curry will have to await the next issue of the Bluebonnet Broadcast. For the estimable Curry, proprietor of this column, has—as he put it—“tuk off to the hills of West Virginny” for purposes of furlough. His size nines are being occupied pro tem by a pinch hitter, who hopes he doesn’t strike out and lose for this corner the fans it has acquired.

Events: Formal graduation review on Independence Day honored Captain Carlos Carrasco of the Peruvian Army, who also delivered the commencement address to the 172 graduates . . . about 350 new students have been registered for the July classes, some 115 of them WACs.

Prevues: More cannot now be said on this South American visitor in our midst, but watch this page for a story, with pictures, to be released after approval is given in Washington, where it was sent for review . . . Also keep an eye cocked for reports on the golf battle of the century, which at this writing, is in the planning stage and cannot, therefore, be outlined.

Eureka: Regarding golf, the speediest technique of improving one’s game has been discovered by M/Sgt. Adolph Patze-

witsch of X-ray. He found his score was reduced by having 1st Sgt. E. W. Skinner, of Co. B keep it. Somewhere on the back nine, Skinner started entering his own score under Pat’s name, and vice versa, finishing eight strokes behind the man with the pipe.

Add Reunion at Ft. Sam: Another former MDETS classmate of X-ray’s S/Sgt. Russell M. Rabold is on the scene. He’s Sgt. Richard E. Antonucci, student in the surgical section, who is now with a field artillery outfit after reassignment from a Texas air field where he had worked in X-ray for two years since graduating here in October, 1942.

Bars in the Offing: Tec 3 Kenneth P. Hoag of pharmacy is off to officer candidate preparatory school at Camp Maxey, Tex., for three rough weeks of competition aimed at appointment to MAC OCS, Carlisle Barracks.

Going up: Two stripes and a T to Pfc. Frank Wheeler, of the medical section and Pfc. Fred J. Theemling, of surgical.

Riddle: Wheeler, who wears his hair 5 feet 3 inches off the ground and weighs 109, and Tec 5 Alva Bradley, of dental,

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BROOKE SPORTS

Edited by Lt. John Suellentrop

Brooke Convalescent Hospital



FHS Team Enjoys Winning Streak

With the acquisition of several new players, all having had professional baseball experience, the Fort Sam Houston Rangers have hit the winning trail in the fast Service league by taking six out of the last eight games. After beating San Marcos 6 to 2, Brooks Field 7 to 2, S.A.A.C.C. 7 to 2, and Hondo 2 to 1, The Rangers dropped one to the league-leading Randolph Field Ramblers 4 to 1 and one to the surging Kelly Field Flyers 9 to 4. The 4th of July found the Rangers bouncing back to conquer the 3rd place San Marcos Navigators 10 to 6 in 10 innings. The following night the revamped Rangers helped Capt. John Pavlick, former San Antonio Mission hurler in his mound debut by whipping the strengthened Brooks Field Ganders 7 to 5 in a very exciting contest.

Big Tommy Heath has been a big help to Mgr. George Lacy's charges by his heavy hitting and spirit around the club. Pvt. Heath of Brooke Convalescent Hospital has caught for the San Antonio Missions, Columbus Redbirds, and The St. Louis Browns.

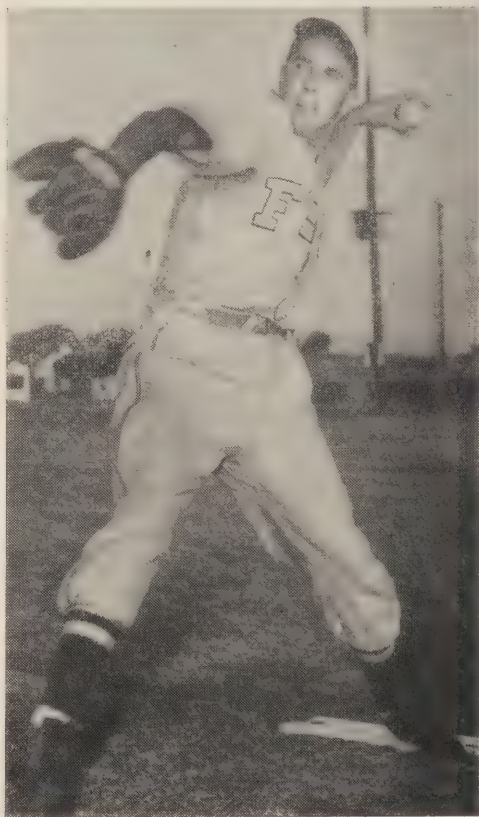
Jake Shirk who played with Harrisburg in the Inter-State league has also been a big gun in recent Ranger victories. Cpl. Shirk, also of Brooke Convalescent Hospital opened a big 10th inning rally against San Marcos with a lusty triple. His fine play in left field has also been a big boost to the crippled Ranger line-up.

Captain John Pavlick plugged a big gap in the Ranger line-up caused by injuries to the two star hurlers of Ft. Sam, Mel Deutsch and Lloyd Dietz. Capt. Pavlick, 4th Army Hq., showed that he will be of great help by going the route to win his first try.

FORMER BIG LEAGUE OUTFIELD FAVORITE ON RANGER TEAM

Pfc. Mel Almada, Physical Reconditioning Instructor of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital is our recent example of what determination and love for the game can do. Pvt. Almada, who formerly played outfield for the Boston Red Sox, Washington Senators, and the St. Louis Browns, has a bad trick knee. In spite of this handicap, "Mel" has helped win several close games by his fine relief hurling and good pinch-

hitting. During a relief performance against Brooks Field, Almada hit a long



PFC. MEL ALMADO

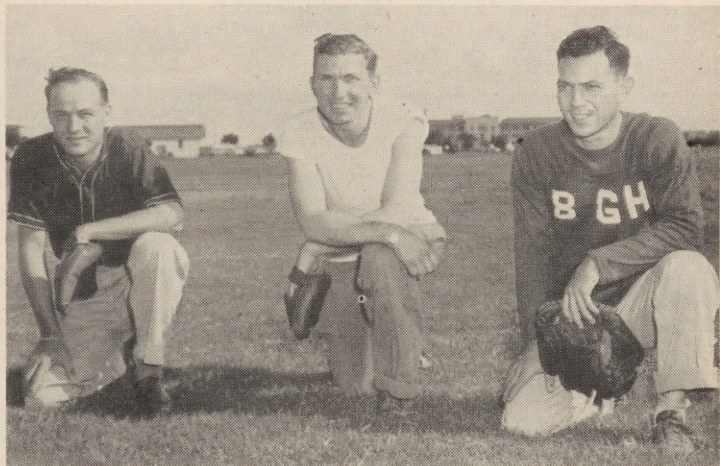
home run with two men on base to "put the game on ice." On July 4th, Mgr. George Lacy, minus the service of his two star hurlers, Dietz and Deutsch, had to call on Mel Almada to start against San Marcos. Mel pitched the full 10 innings to gain a 10 to 6 decision over the tough Navigators. Pvt. Almada, always willing to help anyone wanting tips on the finer points of baseball is a favorite of both fans and players for his fine spirit. Take a bow, Pfc. Mel Almada!

Medical Detachment Softball

Brooke General Hospital personnel will be interested to know that the two Brooke Softball teams made up of players from the Detachment Medical Department are making good showings both in the post and city leagues. If you want to see some pretty fine playing, come on out to the games. Patients interested in attending games off the post may contact the Special Services Officer for transportation.

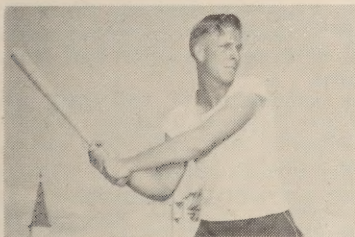


Photographed right are Tec 3 Claude J. Johns who plays right field on both Brooke General Hospital teams is a very good bunter; Sergeant Donald E. Webb (center) is one of the catchers for the Brooke General Hospital team. He also plays Second Baseman; Tech. Sergeant Preston V. Nobles plays Short Fielder on both Brooke teams. He has been a member of Brooke General Hospital's softball team for several seasons.



Left, Pfc. James Grotz, of Houston, Texas, a patient at the Brooke Convalescent Hospital is playing a fine game at Third Base for Brooke. Prior to the war he played several seasons on Houston softball teams and has been outstanding in fielding and batting.

Below, Tech. Sergeant William C. McGinnis, is one of the three pitchers on the softball teams. He also plays First Baseman and Short Field. He has been playing fast league softball since 1926. McGinnis has made the All-City team for the past three seasons. At right of McGinnis, Cpl. John Alford, manager of the softball teams. One of the best catchers and hitters in softball, Alford hails from Beaumont, Texas. He made the All-City team last year.



Left, Tec. 4 John W. Thornton, star left fielder for Brooke General Hospital. He plays on both Post and City League teams.



SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

- July 20—Brooke General Hospital vs. St. Gerard at San Pedro Diamond, 9:15
- July 23—Brooke Bees vs. WDPC Officers at Diamond No. 1 (in front of the main building of Brooke General Hospital) 6:30
- July 27—Brooke General Hospital vs. Kelly Field at San Pedro Diamond, 8:00 p.m.
- July 30—Brooke Bees vs. 4th Army at Diamond No. 5 (west of the Quadrangle in the 4th Army area), 6:30 p.m.

Red Cross News

ARC PERSONNEL CHANGES

Changes in American Red Cross personnel are as rapid as those in the Army these days at Brooke General Hospital. Mrs. Ivan Schultz, Recreation worker at Annex II has resigned and returned home to meet her husband, recently arrived in the States after two years internment in Germany. Miss Evalyn Turner left July 1st for Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado. Miss Marie Liesch, Building No. 1, has reported to Vaughan General Hospital at Hines, Illinois. Misses Mary Pratt, Annex III Recreation worker and Dorothy Buchanan, Building No. 1 Social worker, are on leave. To soften the blow, two new Recreation workers, Misses Jane Fischer and Miss Betty Jane Pokerney, have arrived to the tune of generous and approving G. I. whistles.

Aside from these "changes d' affaires" the Red Cross Recreation Department marches on, knee deep in lemonade, birthday cake, movies, girls, and variety shows.

RED CROSS WORKERS TAKE TO ARMY LIFE

REPORTED BY MISS MARY SCHOLFIELD
RECREATION WORKER

Thirteen members of the Red Cross Staff have decided to give up their luxurious civilian existence and try the real army way of living. On Saturday, June 30th—each girl arrived with all her earthly possessions at Barracks No. 1087 in the convalescent area. Some were enthusiastic while others looked a little dubious as to just what was ahead at them. "Alas! 12 roommates," they each exclaimed in turn as they arrived.

Before very long, you may see the girls wielding brooms, GI'ing the floors, washing the windows or even policing the area—excellent training for those gals who want to go overseas!

HORSE SHOW ENJOYED BY BROOKE PATIENTS

Reported by Ruth E. Craven
Red Cross Recreation Worker

Thanks to the San Antonio Horse Show Association for the cordial invitation to the recent Horse Show extended to patients at the Brooke Hospital Center. Many Brooke patients were there to enjoy the hospitality of citizens of San Antonio.

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The Recent U.S.O. Show "Smooth Sailing" afforded two pleasant evenings of entertainment-giving performances at both the Old and New Hospitals.

Of interest to many was the visiting artist, William Nixon of New York City, who in addition to doing portraits of several patients, conducted art classes on the wards.

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Ward 34 extended wishes for a Happy Birthday to Ray Burgess with a birthday cake served with Coca-Cola. We all join Ward 34 in wishing many more Happy Birthdays to Ray.

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The patient party at the Old Hospital was well attended last Friday night. Table games were played and prizes awarded. Refreshments were served to 175 patients.

Notes From Physical Therapy

PROMOTIONS

Stella E. Schlereth from 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.
Perrie R. Ling from 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.

SWIMMING MEET

Student members of the WAC Physical Therapy class participated in the Post Swimming meet held at Salado pool June 30th and July 1st. The team consisted of Mae Engsborg, Alice Connell, Esther Palmer, Carol DeBoose, Margaret Schmidley, Ruth Dilcher. Pvt. Engsborg distinguished herself by taking first place in the woman's 100-yard free style and also the 200-yard, free style. Pfc. DeBoose successfully finished in first place in the 100-yard backstroke. Pvt. Alice Connell was the only woman who entered diving competition and so gave a diving demonstration from the high board.

After the completion of the meet all members of the Physical Therapy department, participants and spectators alike, enjoyed a watermelon feast.

CLASS 7 WAC P.T.'s COMMISSIONED

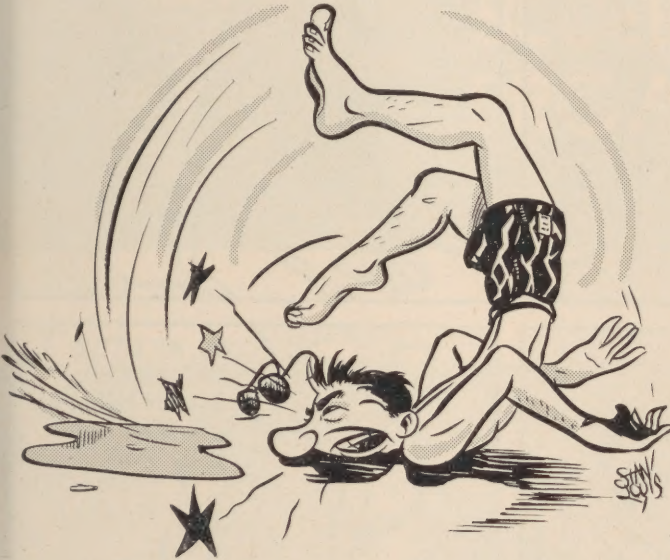
Class 7 of the WAC Physical Therapy students were commissioned on 10 July. Eight of these students have been serving their apprenticeship at Brooke General Hospital. All orders for station for this group have not yet been received but to date four have received orders to be stationed here at Brooke. They are, Fern Garcia, Audrey Grabner, Georgia Wert and Virginia Wilson. Tec 5 Eva Basset has been assigned to Madigan Convalescent Hospital, Tacoma, Washington.

CLASS 8 WAC P.T.'s

Class 8 WAC Physical Therapy students have completed their first six months of training and are now being assigned sta-

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FOR SAFETY'S SAKE



One of a series of cartoons stressing SAFETY . . . by Pfc. Stan Louis of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital.



There once was a guy named Gilly

Who thought he was spry as a filly,

He was acting the fool at the ol' swimming pool,

Now he's laid up for repair—wasn't he silly?



SCHEDULE OF GAMES FT. SAM HOUSTON BASEBALL

- 19 July, Thursday—Fort Sam vs. San Marcos at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, evening game 8:15 p.m.
- 22 July, Sunday—Fort Sam vs. Brooks Field at Brooks Field, afternoon game
- 24 July, Tuesday—Fort Sam vs. S.A.A.C.C. at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, evening game 8:15 p.m.
- 26 July, Thursday—Fort Sam vs. Hondo at Hondo, afternoon game
- 29 July, Sunday—Fort Sam vs. Randolph Field at Tech Field, evening game 8:15 p.m.

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tions for their apprenticeship. Pfc's Bingham, DeBoos, Landon, Menkes, Postel and Schmalenbeck will be at Brooke. Pfc's Gottschall and Henning, Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J., Kennedy at DeShon General, Butler, Pa., Lewis and Miles at Newton Baker General, Martinsburg, W. Va., Pedersen at Dibble General, Menlo Park, California, Whisler at Billings General, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., and Perkins, Thienan and Smith at Hoff Funeral, Santa Barbara, California.

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who tops him by three-quarters of a foot and 100 pounds, both own automobiles. The question is: Who drives the wee Bantam and who herds the huge Buick 8?

Program Notes: WAC Sgt. Emma Rau, student from the New York POE, is studying a new instrument. A musician since the age of six, she plays the violin, piano, saxophone, cornet, trombone, viola and bass viol. Now she's learning to play a tune with an X-ray machine.

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Windup: That concludes this month's Broadcast from the school. Remember, if you've been court-martialed, suffered a fate worse than death, missed the bus on your day of grace, or are otherwise in the soup or out of it, let us be the first to hear about it. Just dial 3348 and ask for Curry.

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M-Sgt. Patzewitsch, while eating in a downtown restaurant a few days ago, met one of his former students, Ex-Private Robert V. Setterstrom, now a Lt. Commander in the Naval Submarine Service. Lt. Com. Setterstrom, who was a mechanical engineer in civilian life, graduated from the X-Ray Section of this school in October, 1941, and four months later answered a call for men of his qualifications for naval service. He says that "the days I spent missing bedcheck in the old school are harder to forget than any other days that I've spent in the service."

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Many and varied are the imitations, heard in and around the barracks, of a certain "orb specialist," whose offices are located on the second floor of that building on the corner of———. A few Texan students hit the ceiling when one of the imitators starts his speech.

PVT. DIMBULB - HE AINT RIGHT BRIGHT!

